

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 2-4, 7, 8 and 12-26, and amend claims 1, 3, 5-6, and 9-11 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A matrix-type patch formulation containing no water for external use, comprising, as essential components:

0.1-20% by weight of an acid addition salt of a basic drug,

[an] 0.01-20% by weight of one or more organic [acid] acids selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, malic acid, benzoic acid and salicylic acid; and

0.01-20% by weight of an organic acid salt ~~as essential components,~~

wherein the ratio of the acid addition salt of the acid addition salt of the basic drug to the organic acid salt ranges from 5:1 to 1:5 (by equivalent ratio).

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Twice Amended) The matrix-type patch formulation for external use according to claim 1, wherein the organic acid salt is a metal salt of a carboxylic acid.

6. (Twice Amended) The matrix-type patch formulation for external use according to claim 1, wherein the organic acid salt is sodium acetate.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Twice Amended) The matrix-type patch formulation for external use according to claim [2] 1, wherein the ratio of the acid addition salt of the basic drug ~~to the~~ to the organic acid, ~~ranges~~ is from 5:1 to 1:5 (by equivalent ratio).

10. (Twice Amended) The matrix-type patch formulation for external use according to claim 1, wherein the ratio of the organic acid to the organic acid salt, ~~ranges~~ is from 3:1 to 1:20 (by equivalent ratio).

11. (Twice Amended) The matrix-type patch formulation for external use according to claim [2] 1, wherein the acid addition salt of the basic drug is at least one agent selected from the group consisting of hypnotics/sedatives, antipyretic anti-inflammatory analgesics, antimigraine agents, stimulants/antihypnotics, anti-psychoneurotics, local anesthetics, agents for urinary organs, skeletal muscle relaxants, agents for autonomous nerves, anti-Parkinsonian agents, antihistamines, bronchodilators, cardiotonics, coronary vasodilators, peripheral vasodilators, agents for circulatory organs, antiarrhythmics, antiallergics, antidizzying agents, anti-serotonin-receptor antiemetics and narcotic analgesics.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

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26. (Cancelled)